

Respected Chairs,

Today, Burkina Faso and many other under-developed African countries are facing a similar problem that matches exactly with our agenda – the lingering impact of neo-colonisation.

Though the era of formal colonisation of our country has ended, the effects of colonisation are still present in our society today. Burkina Faso, though independent today continues to face the consequences of the past French colonisation.

The exploitation of Burkina Faso's natural resources during colonial rule and under-developed infrastructure, has contributed to the ongoing economic challenges.

70% of our population still lives in darkness as per a report in 2020 by the International Energy Agency.

French colonial rule often undermined our traditional culture and local languages. Post independence, French is still our official language and is being taught at schools and used in administering an “independent” nation. Burkina Faso faces a bureaucratic system that is in-efficient and corrupted.

While our nation has made strides toward independence, the reminisce of colonial rule still affect our infrastructure, government, and society.

The committee addressing such issues is not only important for Burkina Faso, but for such countries that have been colonised in the past and continues to struggle day-after-day.

Thank you